

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2016

Members Present were: Robert Dellorco, Kinjal Patel, Wayne Simarrian and Larry Pollard

Ex Officio Members Present: Steven Cooke, Brian Roberge, Gail Hamilton, Ryan Jette and Michael Socci

Meeting called to order by Chairman Simarrian at 7:00 PM.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

♦New ex-officio members from Franklin Girls' Softball Brian Roberge and Gail Hamilton were introduced to the committee.

♦ Fletcher Fund Projects Updates:

- a) The new solar Scoreboards at Pisani and Dacey Fields have been installed.**
- b) The lacrosse kick walls will be installed after the new turf has been installed in June of 2017.**

♦ Fields and Playgrounds Update:

- a) New dugout roofs will be installed at upper Dacey baseball field.**
- b) The old dugouts at Fletcher I baseball field are to be demolished and replaced with new dugouts**
- c) Fletcher III baseball field will be rehabbed.**
- d) Remington's baseball field will be a dual purpose baseball field. Both 50/70 and 60/90 baseball games will be played at Remington. A portable mound will be utilized for the 50/70 games.**
- e) Rhode Island Thunder Softball recently conducted a tournament at Pisani Field. It has been reported that the fields were not returned to the same condition after the tournament as they were before the tourney started. Some rather hefty grooming needs to be done as a result of the amount of usage the fields received during the tournament. Ryan stated that the RI Thunder paid to use the fields so we are in a position to have the grooming performed.**

♦ New Business

- a) An eagle scout has constructed a picnic area on the Southern New England Trunk Line Trail off of Grove Street.
- b) Another eagle scout's project is the construction of a kiosk at the King Philip Rock Trail. The kiosk will hold information about the history of King Philip's Trail.
- c) The project to double the lighting at Pisani Field is in the process of receiving bids. The project has been ongoing for quite some time and now is moving forward at a quickened pace. A total of 10 new poles need to be erected, new lighting has to be installed and all associated electrical work needs to be completed. Bids for the project range from \$18,000 to \$27,000. The Franklin Girls Softball Association leaders would like the project completed before winter.
- d) The Committee heard an update on the current condition of the new baseball and softball fields at Franklin High School. The Committee was told that work has been ongoing to improve the condition of the fields and that all the new fields should be ready for use during the spring of 2017.
- e) Ryan informed the committee members that Town Administrator Jeff Nutting is establishing a committee to explore the possible types of surfaces that will be used to replace the current surfaces on the town's turf fields. The current turf fields will have their surfaces replaced in June 2017.

♦ Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Recreation Office on Beaver Street.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Pollard**